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EXPAND PUBLIC-ADDRESS SYSTEMS IN LUBLIN, POZNAN AREA; NEW RADIO STATION OPENED IN SZCZECIN

SCHOOLS, HOMES GET INSTALLATIONS -- Gazeta Ludowa, No 273, 16 Nov 49

The main task of the SKRK (Public Committee for Installing Public-Address Systems in the Nation) is to collect public funds for the expansion of publicaddress systems. For this purpose, the SKRK in Lublin Wojewodztwo has a 40million zloty budget. In 1949, public-address systems were installed in 140 schools, 27 youth recreation centers, 8 boarding schools, 7 kindergartens, and 10 recreation centers (other than the above type), and one village public library. Up to now, since there is a shortage of battery radio sets, public-address systems were installed in places that have electricity.

Independently from schools, recreation centers, and institutes where public-address systems were installed by SKRK exclusively from public funds, the SKRK cooperates closely with the Polish Radio and helps to facilitate the installation of loudspeakers in farmers' and workers' homes. During 1949, the Polish Radio installed loudspeakers in 7,500 workers' and farmers' homes in Lublin Wojewodztwc.

8 PUBLIC-ADDRESS SYSTEMS ACTIVATED -- Gazeta Ludowa, No 271, 13 Nov 49

In the Poznan area, the Regional Management of the Polish Radio activated eight public-address systems for relaying radio broadcasts, with 41 affiliated stations. It constructed 1,025 kilometers of public-address-system lines, installed 7,562 loudspeakers in villages, and 6,368 loudspeakers in cities. One hundred ninety-two villages were added to the network. In addition, two courses were organized for the Service for Poland youth at which 213 were trained for public-address installation work. An additional 1,000 residential loudspeakers, to be installed in villages, were pledged by radio workers.

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REBUILD CENTRAL TELEPHONE STATION -- Gazeta Ludowa, No 274, 17 Nov 49

Considerable progress is being made on the reconstruction of the Warsaw central elephone station on Zielna Street. The building had been almost entirely destroyed during the war and the Warsaw uprising. In the postwar period, crews of postal workers salvaged the remaining parts of some precision installations and constructed a small temporary station, to provide a limited service. Dial installations were very hard to replace, since there was no domestic production of such equipment, and even repair work used to be done by Swedish and Swiss mechanics.

Unrestricted telephone service and installation of new instruments will be possible only after completion of the huge dial installations. The Postal and Telephone Administration estimates this will be by the end of 1952.

The Public Building Enterprise is making every effort to accelerate the job. At present, work on the upper floors of the eight-story building is almost completed, and lighting, telephone, and central heating equipment are being installed.

OPEN RADIO STATION - Polska Zbrojna, No 348, 19 Dec 49

The formal opening of the new radio station in Szczecin was held on 18 December 1949. Present at the opening were Ministers Dybowski and Szymanowski; Billiga, Chairman of the Central Radio Broadcasting Office; officials of Polish Radio; representatives of political parties; USSR Consul Borysov, and Dr Kania, Czechoslovak consul.

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